

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1373

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, Nashville Metropolitan Historical Commission, and the Tennessee Historical Society for their efforts in preserving Shy's Hill.

WHEREAS, during the American Civil War, from 1861 to 1865, Tennessee was second only to Virginia in the number of battles, skirmishes, and forays fought upon her soil; and

WHEREAS, in early 1862, Nashville became the first Confederate state capitol to fall to Union troops, and the pro-Confederate citizenry would remain under tight Federal military rule for the duration of the war; and

WHEREAS, late in the war, the Army of Tennessee marched north from Georgia to retake the heavily defended capitol of its namesake state; and

WHEREAS, arguably the most decisive battle of the war, the Union forces victory at the Battle of Nashville ended major military activity in the Western Theater, and in four months, the war was over; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Civil War Preservation Trust listed Nashville as one of the Top Ten Endangered Battlefields in the nation; the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, Nashville Metropolitan Historical Commission, and the Tennessee Historical Society have worked tirelessly to preserve historically significant battlefield sites from development and further deterioration; and

WHEREAS, it was at Shy's Hill on December 16, 1864, during the Battle of Nashville, that Federal troops finally broke the Confederate line on the left flank, resulting in a massive Rebel retreat and a decisive Union victory; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society has recently retired the debt on the Shy's Hill property, thereby saving this important historical site from development; the

organization is currently undertaking significant site improvement so that this important property will be preserved for the future; and

WHEREAS, historians throughout the United States recognize the importance of preserving Shy's Hill, so that future generations may appreciate the rich history of this great nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, Nashville Metropolitan Historical Commission, and the Tennessee Historical Society for their efforts in preserving Shy's Hill and wish them continued success in developing Shy's Hill as an American Historical Landmark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.